

## Message Text

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FOR WEAPONS PRECON DEL FROM AMB. ALDRICH

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PLOS, PARM  
SUBJECT: VOTING PROCEDURE

REF: GENEVA 13447

1. WHILE IT IS OBVIOUSLY UNREALISTIC TO INSIST TO THE  
END ON A STRICT CONSENSUS RULE FOR A CONFERENCE OF MORE  
THAN ONE HUNDRED COUNTRIES, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A  
SERIOUS MISTAKE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON THIS PROCEDURAL  
ISSUE PRIOR TO FULL DISCUSSION BY PREPCON OF THE SUB-  
STANTIVE ISSUES. IT IS CLEAR THAT MOVEMENT AWAY FROM  
CONSENSUS WOULD BE HIGHLY RISKY IF SERIOUS ATTENTION IS  
LIKELY TO BE GIVEN AT THE ULTIMATE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE  
TO IRRESPONSIBLE PROPOSALS ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRIC-  
TIONS ON THE USE OF SIGNIFICANT WEAPONS. WE NEED TO  
HAVE A BETTER GAUGE OF THE ATTITUDES OF THE VARIOUS  
COUNTRIES ON THE WEAPONS QUESTIONS AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
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TO HELP SHAPE THOSE ATTITUDES ALONG RESPONSIBLE LINES  
BEFORE WE CAN DECIDE WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT TO  
COMPROMISE ON THE CONFERENCE DECISION MAKING PROCEDURE.  
MOREOVER, EARLY COMPROMISE WOULD REDUCE OUR LEVERAGE  
WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

2. THESE CONSIDERATIONS LEAD ME TO CONCLUDE THAT WE

SHOULD STAND FIRM AGAINST QUICK COMPROMISE ON THE  
PROCEDURAL QUESTION AND MAKE CLEAR THAT IT CAN BE  
DECIDED ONLY AFTER SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS, PRESUMABLY NOT  
UNTIL SOMETIME DURING THE SECOND PREPCON. MOREOVER,  
IT IS WORTH REPEATING IN LOW KEY TO OTHERS AT CONFERENCE  
WHAT I SAID LAST WEEK - I.E., THAT WE ARE NOT COMMITTED  
TO SUPPORT OR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ULTIMATE WEAPONS  
CONFERENCE UNLESS WE ARE SATISFIED ON BOTH PROCEDURAL  
AND SUBSTANTIVE GROUNDS THAT IT WILL ACT RESPONSIBLY.  
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